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Identical letters dated 11 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you that at 1100 hours on 10 September 2017, Israeli warplanes violated Lebanese airspace. They flew over the South at low altitude and broke the sound barrier over the city of Sidon at 1130 hours, before leaving Lebanese airspace at 1135 hours.

This violation constitutes a flagrant breach of Lebanese sovereignty as well as a fresh breach of international law, the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant United Nations resolutions. It was intended to terrorize peaceable inhabitants of the area where the violation occurred and had the effect of undermining international stability, peace and security.

I reiterate that the Government of my country honours its commitments under international resolutions, and on its behalf I hereby demand that the Security Council should condemn this act of aggression in the strongest possible terms, and should compel Israel to cease its land, air and sea violations of the sovereignty of Lebanon and implement all its obligations under Security Council resolution 1701 (2006).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 37, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nawaf **Salam**
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